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SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONALS FOR US NAVY

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1. EMBASSY AND SUBIC HAVE REVIEWED FILES CONCERNING RECRUITMENT OF PHIL NATIONALS FOR US NAVY. REVIEW HAS ESTABLISHED THAT NO REQUIREMENT EXISTS OR HAS EVER EXISTED TO NEGOTIATE ANNUAL RECRUITMENT LEVELS AND NO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. INDEED, PRIOR TO 1968 CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL NOTIFIED COMUSNAVPHIL OF PROSPECTIVE ANNUAL INTAKE CHANGES AND DFA WAS MERELY PROVIDED WITH COPY OF LETTER. IN JUNE, 1968, HOWEVER, AN INTAKE REDUCTION FROM 166 TO 35 RECRUITS PER MONTH WAS PROPOSED BY NAVY AND EMBASSY SUGGESTED NEED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH GOP IN LIGHT OF SIZE OF REDUCTION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, ANNUAL RECRUITMENT CHANGES PROPOSED BY CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL TO COMUSNAVPHIL HAVE INCLUDED

STIPULATION THAT CHANGES NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED PHIL ENDORSEMENT OF MODIFICATION. SINCE 1968 EMBASSY HAS ANNUALLY SENT NOTE TO DFA CONTAINING NOTIFICATION OF US NAVY'S INTAKE FIGURE FOR UPCOMING RECRUITING YEAR; DFA HAS ROUTINELY ACKNOWLEDGED NOTE BUT CONSIDERABLE
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PERIODS OF TIME HAVE OFTEN PASSED AS RESULT OF SLOW

BUREAUCRATIC ACTION WITHIN GOP. NORMAL SLOWNESS OF GOP
REACTION WAS COMPOUNDED IN 1972 WHEN EMBASSY NOTE TWICE GOT
LOST IN GOP BUREAUCRACY.

3. WHILE IT EVIDENT THAT THIS PROCESS OF NOTIFICATION AND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE NEGOTIATION, EMBASSY HAS
CONCLUDED THAT PRACTICE OF WAITING FOR GOP ENDORSEMENT OF
ANNUAL INTAKE FIGURE DOES ACCORD ROLE TO GOP IN ROUTINE RE-
CRUITMENT MODIFICATIONS THAT NOT CONTEMPLATED IN ORIGINAL
1952 EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT (TIAS 2931). THERE-
FORE, IN FUTURE EMBASSY WILL REVERT TO PRACTICE OF SIMPLY
NOTIFYING DFA OF MONTHLY INTAKE LEVEL FOR UPCOMING YEAR.
NO PROBLEMS WITH GOP ENVISAGED OVER CHANGE.

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO
SEEK TO SET MINIMUM LEVELS OF RECRUITMENT. ESTABLISHMENT
MINIMUM RECRUITMENT LEVEL WOULD UNDULY CONSTRAIN FUTURE RECRUITMENT
FLEXIBILITY.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RECEIPT OF CY 1974
MONTHLY INTAKE FOR NOTIFICATION OF DFA.
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